

RESOLUTION
Approved June 18, 2009

To: Governor Paterson and DEC Commissioner Pete Grannis.
Subject: Chemical Waste Management is seeking a permit to open a new, large hazardous waste landfill adjacent to its present one. (This will be the 12th landfill situated at the CWM property).

The Network of Religious Communities is an organization of religious communities (denominations, congregations and religious organizations) located in and serving the Western New York community.

We provide a forum for cooperative ventures, the strengthening of our religious communities, and the betterment of the community as a whole.

As such, our representatives are concerned about the proposed siting of a twelfth large hazardous waste landfill being proposed in Niagara County.

The Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] has stated that all landfills will eventually leak. The EPA has also concluded that land filling is the least desirable manner of disposing of hazardous wastes.

This proposed landfill is located proximate to a large consolidated school campus where large semi-trucks heavily laden with hazardous waste will pass on the approved route to the proposed landfill.

The CWM property is located within the Niagara River and Lake Ontario watershed. Lake Ontario is the major source for drinking water for literally millions of individuals in Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Therefore we, the members of the Board of Governors of the Network of Religious Communities, meeting June 18, 2009 in Niagara Falls, NY call upon the Department of Environmental Conservation to refrain from issuing any additional permits and certificates of environmental safety and public necessity to construct and operate any additional hazardous waste landfills in Niagara County. They are not needed; they are counterproductive; and they are wrong.

The Network of Religious Communities is an organization of 18 denominations, 16 religious organizations and over 200 churches, temples and mosques, located in and serving Western New York

We count on your leadership to safeguard our people and our environment and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,